

PORE THEORY OF SUICIDE IN THE HARRIS CASE IS WEAKENED BY THE TESTIMONY OF RELATIVES

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ence of an officer. I repeated my statement, and he advanced the opinion that I had not been in that square at all that night.

Q—You knew it was your duty to aid the lieutenant in the investigation, didn't you?

A—Yes.

Q—You told him that you knew the man who got Harris' pistol, didn't you?

A—Yes, I told him I was satisfied that a certain man (naming him) got the pistol. He said that he had never talked to this man, and I knew that that man had twice been in the station house. I told Detective Weeden that I had heard that this same man had made a statement that he had found the pistol of Harris on the boat.

Called Before Detectives.

Speaking of his examination by the headquarters detectives Sunday, Roberts said: "I was summoned to headquarters last Sunday upon Major Sylvester's orders. There I saw Detectives Weeden and Burlingame and made my statement to them. They wanted to know the names of my witnesses. They accused me of having some witnesses. I told them that I had heard that changes were to be preferred against me and that I did not care to say anything further about the case without first consulting counsel. Weeden assured me that nothing that I might say would be used against me in any case. Several times he said that I had laid myself liable to charges and the penitentiary. I didn't see the major there. I considered that I had as much right as any other officer to make an investigation in the Harris case and that it was my duty to inform my superior officers of what was in my possession. Likewise that it was my superior officer's duty to call upon me as the man on the boat that night for a statement of my movements that night. He never did so."

Q—They said you hadn't thrown all the light you could upon this case, and you said that you had done all you could? resumed Attorney Turner.

A—Yes. The lieutenant said nothing to me about the finding of the body on my post Sunday evening when I reported for duty. I heard nothing about it until one of the officers at the station informed me about it that night. I was never asked about the case by Lieutenant Flathers.

Here again another juror interrupted to ask:

"Do your superior officers hold you responsible for reporting cases on your post?"

Fellow-Woodman Called.

R. V. H. Jama, a member of the special committee of the Washington Camp of Modern Woodmen, appointed to investigate the death of young Harris, was also examined. He told of having been in Harris' company several times and of having seen him on the boat on the occasion of the camp's excursion the night of the latter's death. He said he saw Norval leaning against the railing of the boat, and that he appeared as usual. Mr. Jama stated that the boat reached the wharf that night at 11:35 o'clock, and that it was but three and a half squares from the wharf to the spot where the body was found. He showed no signs of intoxicating liquors, he said.

Mr. Jama testified that Harris carried a policy for \$1,000 issued by the Order of Woodmen, and in answer to a question asked him by Attorney Turner expressed the opinion that the suicide clause in that policy is operative, if suicide occurs within one year of the date of the policy, whether committed while sane or insane. Mr. Turner begged to differ with him, and there this controversy ended. When asked by Attorney Lambert whether the Woodmen were trying to evade the policy, Mr. Jama answered that his committee had submitted no report to the camp as yet.

No Signs of Struggle.

Sergeant Theodore Kaucher, of the Fourth precinct, testified that when he reached the body, about 8:45 Sunday morning, blood and other matter were still oozing from the bullet wound in the head.

According to this officer, there were no signs of a struggle about the spot where the body lay. But he did say there were some footprints—"five or six, pointing east and from twelve to fifteen inches west of the man's head." There were two, he said, "at the right side near the knee, three at the left side and four beyond the feet near the curb."

The pavement is of brick, and it was in a mere sprinkle of sand that officers all hunted for footprints and other signs of combat. Sand had to be gotten elsewhere to obliterate the pool of blood in which the head lay when it was found. Outside of this sprinkle of sand on the sidewalk, there was nothing but bricks to look to for the important signs.

It is yet unknown whether the sleuths examined the asphalt in the street for evidences.

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Told Aunt of Trouble.

Mrs. Lilly Colvin, of 150 Belmont street, an aunt of Norval T. Harris, told of the last visits of her nephew to her home. The last time she saw him, according to her testimony, was on the Saturday previous to his death.

He spent a part of the early evening there and spoke of a visit he was about to make to the Union Station he said, to meet the brother of a girl who formerly lived in Northeast Washington, but who is now supposed to be a resident of Baltimore.

On that Saturday Mrs. Colvin said Norval told her that he was in trouble, that he had been accused of an entanglement with this same girl and that he had received a phone message to meet her brother at the depot. He said he had done nothing wrong, and declared that he did not at all mind seeing her brother. She supposed that he responded to the call.

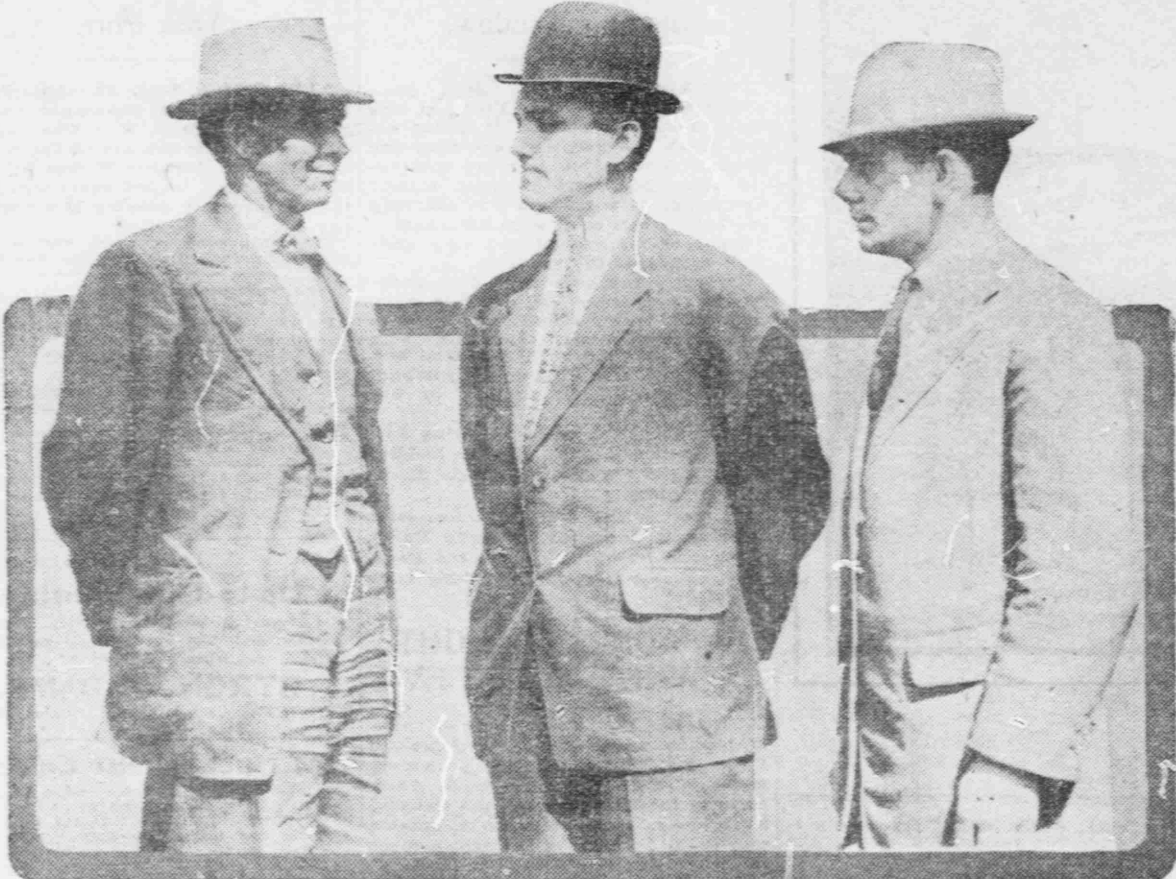
A few days prior to that young Harris visited his Aunt Lilly at her home, and told her that he had come out for the purpose of "ending it all," but that his wife failed him.

On this occasion, she said, he seemed to be somewhat melancholy, and she persuaded him to give her his pistol. She said she handed the weapon over to her husband, Clarence D. Colvin. Mrs. Colvin said that Norval never did act in her presence in a way that even suggested a suicidal intent. She said he never exhibited any symptoms of insanity in her presence. The nearest to it, she said, was a reticence, which he maintained at times. She considered him possessed of sound sense.

Mrs. Colvin eventually testified that Norval frequently talked of going to Baltimore, and that his trips to that city were generally made on Saturday. She could not identify the pistol which the police claim was young Harris'.

Mrs. Colvin spoke of a badge which her nephew was in the habit of wearing, and said that she had inferred that he was a private detective. She said she had never read the inscription

Woodmen Witnesses Called in Harris Investigation



READING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT THEY ARE MESSRS SHAW, JAMA, AND COUTLER.

tion on the badge, after it was suggested to her that it was probably his street inspector's badge.

Uncle Sees His Revolver.

Mr. Colvin followed his wife upon the witness stand and corroborated her in many little details. He added something to her testimony. He said that about ten days before young Harris died the latter and he had a talk on the street in the neighborhood of the Belmont street home, and that he then told him he was in trouble. He mentioned a Baltimore girl, but did not specify the exact nature of the trouble. He spent that night on Belmont street.

Before retiring Norval's pistol fell into the hands of his Uncle Clarence, and the latter emptied the five chambers of the cartridges. The nephew made some local observation upon his uncle's action, and the gun was returned to him with three cartridges in it.

"The uncle kept the other two saying: 'These things will hold you for a while,' or words to that effect."

Attorneys Lambert and Turner both endeavored to connect this incident with the one mentioned by Mrs. Colvin when she persuaded her nephew to give her his pistol, but without avail. Mrs. Colvin could not remember distinctly whether her husband was in the room at the time she spoke of, nor could Mr. Colvin recollect whether his wife was present on the occasion he mentioned.

It all seemed to know about it was that he had once handled the young man's pistol. He could not recollect the money he could take and scrape together. The latter talked of "clearing out," by which the uncle understood him to mean that he was going to leave the city. Mr. Colvin testified that Norval had already made application for employment in the service of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. On this occasion young Harris was as rational as could be, according to his Uncle Clarence. He never saw him again until he was called to the morgue to identify his body.

Girl Got His Money.

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"I was present for a few minutes during the autopsy," said Dr. Linville. "As I recall it, the bullet entered Harris' head about one inch behind the right ear, and it ranged upward. I did not make a critical examination of the wound, however."

"I saw no powder marks upon the hair. I think that I would have seen them had they been present. I also understood that there were no powder marks on the hair, but that there were no powder marks on the hair."

"What was the nature of the bullet wound?" asked Attorney Lambert.

"I would not say," said Dr. Linville, "but it appeared rather oblique in its nature; that is, it was not perpendicular to the surface of the skull. I should say that the wound, although in the main clean-cut, was about one-half inch deep."

Dr. Linville, who examined Harris at the time he entered the Order of Woodmen, said that Harris was perfect physically, with the exception of a slight deafness, and that he noticed nothing irrational in his demeanor at any of the several times he saw him subsequently.

Missing Girl's Mother Testifies.

Mrs. Anna Anderson, mother of Mildred Anderson, the missing witness and fiancée of Harris, was unable to throw any light whatever upon the present whereabouts of her daughter,

who, she said, has not been at her home since Thursday last.

"I last saw Mildred on Thursday," she testified. "I do not believe that she knew that time that there would be an inquest. I think it quite funny that the police cannot find her. I believe she is right here in this town, maybe on Ninth street."

"Had Mildred been in the habit of absconding with this manner?" asked Assistant District Attorney Turner.

"She stayed away two nights once, but I knew where she was," she replied.

"Who last went out with Mildred?" she was asked.

"A Times reporter, as I remember it," Mr. Anderson answered. "He came to the house several times since the investigation started to see Mildred."

The reporter afterward took the stand and denied any knowledge of Miss Anderson's whereabouts. His inquiries with the girl, he declared, had been of a purely professional nature, with a view to interviewing her as to her knowledge of the case. He also testified that Mildred seemed concerned, when told last Thursday, the day of her disappearance, that an inquest into Harris' death would be ordered by the coroner, following the decision of the Corporation Council.

First To See the Body.

Joe Wood, a chocolate-colored negro of beaming countenance, furnished some amusement for the inquest spectators during his story of having stumbled across the body of Harris late Saturday night, August 27.

"I got on a Le Drot Park car," said Wood, who fondles ice during the daytime for a livelihood. "I was sleepy and I fell asleep. When I got to the Ninth street barn the conductor roused me. I bought some ice cream and came on down I street toward Valet street. I saw the body of a man, he didn't stay long in the neighborhood."

"Yes, sir, I guess I didn't take particular notice of him 'cause I was sleepy and eating ice cream cones," explained Joe, when questioned by the coroner. Joe said that he saw the body a short time before he saw the body of Harris, and to Watchman Reed, of the Columbia Ice Company, when he arrived at the ice house.

Mr. Reed confirmed the story of the negro. The time of the reported find, as he recalled it, was about 11:30 or 12 o'clock, midnight.

Lieutenant Flathers Called.

Lieut. Carl Flathers, of the Fourth precinct, went into detail concerning the work done by his precinct following the finding of the body of Harris.

"At roll call Sunday evening," said the lieutenant, "I told all the men to investigate the death, regardless of the expense incurred. I told them to try to find the person who took the gun. I don't let any man in here unless he comes across any information regarding this suicide or murder. I told them," testified Lieutenant Flathers.

Lieutenant Flathers contradicted the testimony of Policeman Roberts. He denied that Roberts had told him anything about the murder of Harris, and said that Roberts had not reported that he passed the spot where Harris was supposed to lie, and that there was no body present when he made his round after midnight.

Roberts never told me anything," said the lieutenant, with some warmth, in answer to questions by Mr. Turner. "The only thing he reported about the case was that he suspected Joe Woods of having disposed of the revolver and when we arrested Woods he was brought to the station, and later liberated."

The lieutenant said that Officer Roberts went on duty at 7 o'clock, Saturday night, August 27, and went off duty at 3 the next morning. He vouchsafed no information as to whether he called upon Officer Roberts for a written report of the happenings or his beat during this interim.

BAPTISTS CELEBRATING.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 28.—The centennial anniversary of the establishment of the Baptist denomination in this section is being observed here this week. The forty-five churches of the Buffalo Baptist Association participated in special exercises in the Prospect Avenue Baptist Church today. The celebration will continue over tomorrow.

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seen, visited the points of interest in the city. The distinguished visitor was impressed with the magnificence of the Congressional Library and other public buildings, especially the Corcoran Art Gallery, where he admired the paintings of the old masters.

Mgr. Diomedes Falconio, an Italian cardinal and several of the more prominent clergymen at dinner tonight. Many of the members of the party will go out to the Catholic University as guests, and to St. Patrick's, where they will be entertained by Father Russell.

Lunch tomorrow will be taken at the Catholic University, with Dr. T. J. Shanahan as host. The afternoon will be spent at Georgetown University. At 5 o'clock the cardinal will take dinner at St. Patrick's rectory, entertained by Dr. William T. Russell.

Immediately after dinner a short reception will be held, in which the rectors of the city will meet Cardinal Vanutelli and his suite, followed by the cardinal himself. It should always be remembered that the cardinal is the most solemn services of the Catholic Church.

BLACK HANDERS HELD FOR BRUTAL MURDER

MAHANOY CITY, Pa., Sept. 28.—My husband's blood cries out from the ground, was the cry of a woman who cried Mrs. Angelo Esenick, wife of the Mores pit boss who was slain by Black Hand agents, at the coroner's inquest held here.

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HORSTMANN SLATED FOR DECAPITATION

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missed, by the board, which is responsible alone to Congress. The Commissioners have no say as to the action of the board in this respect, and the reason given for Mr. Horstmann's continuance in office even for a short period is in deference to Commissioner Johnston, who placed him in the service of the District government.

Mr. Horstmann was first employed as inspector in the street cleaning department, and later was appointed assistant clerk to the Excise Board at his own request. While with the street cleaning department he made an excellent record, according to his superiors in office, and since his transfer has worked early and late in his inspections of the saloons.

The possibility of an early separation from the District payroll, it is understood, will not give Mr. Horstmann any concern—from a monetary standpoint. His entry into official life was upon advice of his physician.

Regular employment was prescribed, a prescription which was faithfully followed.

According to officials of the Street Cleaning Department, he was one of the first to report in the morning, and since his association with the Excise Board he has devoted many evenings to the work, in addition to his duties of the day.

Mr. Horstmann today declined to make any comment on the proposed action of the Excise Board or to explain his side of the controversy.

The fact that I am to be removed is news to me," said Mr. Horstmann. "Of course, the board has that authority, and they are not compelled to await the return of Commissioner Johnston. Further than that I can say nothing at this time."

One case which it is understood will be further investigated is the action of the excise board in granting the application of George T. Harper for a transfer of his barroom license to 225 M street against the protest of Mr. Horstmann.

Harper was arrested in Alexandria county, according to the records of the county clerk on the charge of selling liquor without a license. The explanation given the members of the Excise Board was that another man was the real offender and that he used Harper's name in running the business.

There also was a charge against Harper of drawing a revolver on a private detective on the Arlington Reserve.

"Mr. Harper appeared before the board and acknowledged the correctness of the charges, but stated that he was a victim of circumstances to the use of his name by another party, and also that the case of gun display was occasioned by a private detective, whom he did not know first pulling a gun on him upon which he drew his own revolver in self-defense," says W. P. Richards, chairman ex officio of the board.

"In view of the above facts and explanations, therefore, I believe the board would be justified in allowing the transfer to be made, as it seems reasonable to believe that the applicant running a saloon of his own responsibility within the District of Columbia will be constrained to make a special effort to obey the laws."

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